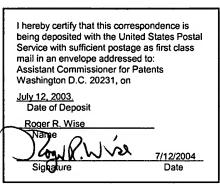


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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 RECEIVED

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004, the due date for response to which has been extended to July 12, the first business day after Saturday, July 10, 2004 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee, in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.

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